Performance of EOUs

3241. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and units set up in the Export Processing zones/free trade zones;

(b) if so, the details of performance of the schemes State-wise and scheme-wise during 1996-97 and how does it compare with the performance during the corresponding earlier period by standard parameters;

(c) what are the merging trends in the evaluation of these schemes-outstanding achievements as well as major failures noticed; and

(d) details of proposals received for Restructuring /Revamping of these schemes to make them more transparent/ effective and result oriented-action taken/proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The performance of Export Oriented Units and Units in the Export Processing Zones/Free Trade Zones is reviewed annually on the basis of data received from the respective Development Commissioners.

(b) Since the data for the year 1996-97 in respect of all Zones/EOUs is required to be submitted by the concerned Development Commissioners by June/ July, 97, the details of performance and comparative performance with the corresponding earlier period are not known as on date.

(c) The rate of annual growth of export of EOU/EPZ units is higher than the national average annual growth of export. Whearas Gem & Jewellery, Electronics and Garments are the leading performers in items of export performance among the EPZ units, textile including yarns, agro based products and chemical, plastic and allied industry are the leading performers under the EOUs scheme.

(d) Based on interaction with the trade and industry, and their suggestions received in respect of the EOUs/EPZ Scheme, several major amendments have been effected in the Export and Import Policy, 1997-2002 to introduce more automaticity in the scheme, further simplify procedures, and give better incentives to make the schemes result oriented.

Export Oriented Units

3242. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any export oriented units have been set-up in the country particularly in tribal areas of North-East Region, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) 891 Export Oriented Units have been set up in the Country. Their State wise location is given in the Statement annexed. (*See* below)

In respect of the number of Export Oriented Units set up in the tribal areas of North East Region, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan information is begin collected, and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

State-wise break up of Export Oriented Units:

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of EOUs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	120
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	6
4.	Gujarat	79
5.	Haryana	33
6.	Himachal Pradesh	5
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	0
8.	Karnataka	117
9.	Kerala	24
10.	Madhya Pradesh	22
11.	Maharashtra	128
12.	Meghalya	0
13.	Nagaland	0
14.	Orissa	8
15.	Punjab	19
16.	Rajasthan	32
17.	Sikkim	1
18.	Tamil Nadu	162
19.	Tripura	0
20.	Uttar Pradesh	46
21.	West Bengal	28
22.	A & N Islands	0
23.	Chandigarh	1
24.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	7
25.	Delhi	26
26.	Goa, Daman & Diu	18
27.	Pondicherry	7
28.	Indian EEZ	1
	TOTAL	891

Misuse of Special Import Licence

3243. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to prevent exporters misusing facility to obtain higher special Import Licence (SIL) benefits even as export proceeds remain unutilised; and

(b) what are the other commitments made to W.T.O. integrated with the new Export-Import policy?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) As a measure of abundant precaution it has been prescribed that while claiming renewal of the status as Export House/ Trading House Super/Star Trading House, applicant has to furnish a certificate from Chartered Accountant certifying that 95% of the export proceeds have been realised in respect of the exports made by the applicant in preceding 3 licensing years/preceding Year. In the Exim Policy 1997—2002, the issuance of SIL is linked to realisation of export proceeds as given in Paragraph 11.9, 11.11, 12.8(c) & 14.3 of the Handbook (Vol. I) 1997—2002.

(b) The liberalisation of quantitative restrictions on imports since 1991 has been an autonomous exercise, as has also been built into the objectives set out in the Exim Policy and the Eighth Plan. Since the W.T.O. Committee on Balance of Payments Restrictions consultations with India have not concluded, no commitments arise in this respect.

Export of Tea

3244. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of tea exported during the year 1996-97;

(b) the names of the public agencies which exported the tea products to foreign countries; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the quantity of tea exports to the foreign countries?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI